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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES **DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

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CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. **April 14, 2003** PCT/CH2003/000247 April 14, 2003 TITLE OF INVENTION INTERVERTEBRAL IMPLANT APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Daniel Baumgartner et al. Applicants herewith submit to the United States Designated/ Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: 1. This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. 4. The U.S. has been elected (Article 31). \boxtimes 5. 冈 A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). has been communicated by the International Bureau. b. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US) An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). is attached hereto. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). have been communicated by the International Bureau. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. have not been made and will not be made. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. \boxtimes An <u>unexecuted</u> oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 10. П 371(c)(5)). Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included: 11. 🛛 An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, a List Of References Cited, and copies of 3 foreign references. 12. \square An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. A preliminary amendment. 14. An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 15. A substitute specification. 16. A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.

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17.	A computer-	A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter 2 and 37 CFR 1.821- 1.825.							
18.	A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).								
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20.	Other items or information: (1) International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (in German) and Article 34 Amendments annexed thereto; and								
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b. This is an estimate of the fees due. Please charge the required fees to Deposit Account No. 50-3013 . A copy of this sheet is enclosed.									
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3013. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.									
Note: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137 (a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.									
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